



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

*Chris Papastrat, City Council President*  
*Leighton Rogers, City Clerk*

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**MINUTES**  
**City Council Business Meeting**  
**Council Chambers, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, N.Y.**  
**Monday January 4, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Kenneth Frank, Corporation Counsel, calls to order the organizational meeting at 5:00pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Scaringi, Mihalko, Cronce, Taylor, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg  
Also Present: Kenneth Frank, Corporation Counsel

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Frank led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL OFFICERS**

**City Council President.** Mr. Frank opened the floor to receive nominations for the position of City Council President. Councilman Scaringi nominated Councilman Papastrat. Motion seconded by Councilman Matzo.

Seeing no other nominations, Council members voted for the position of City Council President by stating the name of the individual each wished to appoint to the position.

Councilman Scaringi: Councilman Papastrat  
Councilman Mihalko: Councilman Papastrat  
Councilwoman Cronce: Councilman Papastrat  
Councilman Taylor: Councilman Papastrat  
Councilman Papastrat: Councilman Papastrat  
Councilman Matzo: Councilman Papastrat  
Councilman Berg: Councilman Papastrat

Seven votes were received for Councilman Papastrat. He accepted the position of City Council President for the year 2016.

**City Council President Pro-Tempore.** Mr. Frank opened the floor to receive nominations for the position of City Council President Pro-Tempore. Councilman Scaringi nominated Councilman Mihalko. Motion seconded by Councilman Matzo.

Seeing no other nominations, Council members voted for the position of City Council President Pro-Tempore by stating the name of the individual each wished to appoint to the position.

Councilman Scaringi: Councilman Mihalko  
Councilman Mihalko: Councilman Mihalko  
Councilwoman Cronce: Councilman Mihalko  
Councilman Taylor: Councilman Mihalko  
Councilman Papastrat: Councilman Mihalko  
Councilman Matzo: Councilman Mihalko  
Councilman Berg: Councilman Mihalko



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Seven votes were received for Councilman Mihalko. He accepted the position of City Council President Pro-Tempore for the year 2016.

### **Majority Leader.**

President Papastrat announces Councilman Matzo as Majority Leader.

### **Minority Leader.**

President Papastrat announces Councilman Berg as Minority Leader.

### **SELECTION OF CITY CLERK**

Mr. Frank opened the floor to receive nominations for the position of City Clerk. Councilman Mihalko nominated Leighton Rogers. Motion seconded by Councilman Matzo.

Seeing no other nominations, Council members voted for the position of City Clerk by stating the name of the individual each wished to appoint to the position.

Councilman Scaringi: Leighton Rogers

Councilman Mihalko: Leighton Rogers

Councilwoman Cronic: Leighton Rogers

Councilman Taylor: Leighton Rogers

Councilman Papastrat: Leighton Rogers

Councilman Matzo: Leighton Rogers

Councilman Berg: Leighton Rogers

Seven votes were received for Leighton Rogers. He accepted the position of City Clerk.

### **APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CLERK**

City Clerk Rogers submitted Leana Testani for Deputy City Clerk. Councilman Matzo nominated Leana Testani. Motion seconded by Councilman Scaringi.

Seeing no other nominations, Mr. Frank held a voice vote, none opposed.

### **CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES & APPOINTMENTS**

City Council President noted for the record the names of the Council members appointed to various City committees, boards and commissions.

**City Council Finance Committee.** Councilman Mihalko (chair), Councilman Scaringi, Councilman Berg

**City Council Planning & Community Development Committee.** Councilman Scaringi (chair), Councilman Matzo, Councilwoman Cronic

**City Council Municipal & Public Affairs Committee.** Councilman Matzo (chair), Councilman Scaringi, Councilman Berg

**City Council Public Works/Parks & Recreation Committee.** Councilman Mihalko (chair), Councilman Matzo, Councilwoman Cronic



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**City Council Employees Committee.** Councilman Matzo (chair), Councilman Mihalko, Councilman Taylor

**City Council Special Studies/Rules & Procedures Committee.** Councilman Berg (chair), Councilman Scaringi, Councilman Mihalko

## **APPROVAL OF CALENDAR**

Councilman Scaringi motioned to approve the work session and business meeting calendar for the year 2016. Motion seconded by Councilman Matzo.

Mr. Frank held a voice vote, none opposed.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Scaringi motioned to approve minutes from the previous City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Matzo.

Mr. Frank held a voice vote, none opposed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Voice vote, none opposed.